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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting same to read as follows:

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--An information providing apparatus for registering the delivery of content data including a storing section for